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1204/NF) CHINA: VISIT BY BRITISH SHIPS

1204/NF) THE CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTRY [REDACTED] HAS APPROVED A REPORT VISIT BY TWO BRITISH SHIPS TO SHANGHAI ON 11-15 JUL. ALTHOUGH DETAILS AND THE EXACT LANGUAGE OF THE AGREEMENT ARE NOT KNOWN, THE CHINESE [REDACTED] HAVE DECIDED NOT TO REQUIRE THE BRITISH TO DECLARE WHETHER OR NOT NUCLEAR WEAPONS WILL BE ONBOARD. IN ADDITION BEIJING AND LONDON HAVE COMPLETED THE WORDING OF A CONTINUITY PUBLIC AFFAIRS RELEASE WHICH WOULD NOT DELINEATE THAT EITHER COUNTRY HAS COMPROMISED ITS POLICIES REGARDING NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON

1204/NF) CHINA: NEW GOVERNMENT POSTS

1204/NF) A RECENT XINEUA (CHINA NEWS AGENCY) REPORT INDICATES THAT AN ADDITIONAL VICE PREMIER AND STATE COUNCILOR WILL BE SELECTED DURING THE CURRENT SESSION OF THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS. THE PRC PRESENTLY HAS FOUR VICE PREMIERS AND 10 STATE COUNCILORS.

1204/NF) QIAO SHI, A MEMBER OF THE LEADERSHIP'S THIRD ECHelon, HAS BEEN NOMINATED TO BE THE FIFTH VICE PREMIER AND SONG JIAN, MINISTER IN CHARGE OF THE STATE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COMMISSION, MAY BE SELECTED AS A STATE COUNCILOR.

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QIAO SHI, 52, WAS PROMOTED TO THE CCP'S POLITICAL BUREAU AND FULL SECRETARIAT MEMBERSHIP DURING PARTY MEETINGS IN SEP 85. HE HAS BEEN CHARACTERIZED AS ONE OF CCP GENERAL SECRETARY HU YAOBANG'S FAVORITES. QIAO HAS BEEN DIRECTOR OF THE CCP GENERAL OFFICE AND HEAD OF THE ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT, AND IS CURRENTLY SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL POLITICAL SCIENCE AND LAW COMMISSION.

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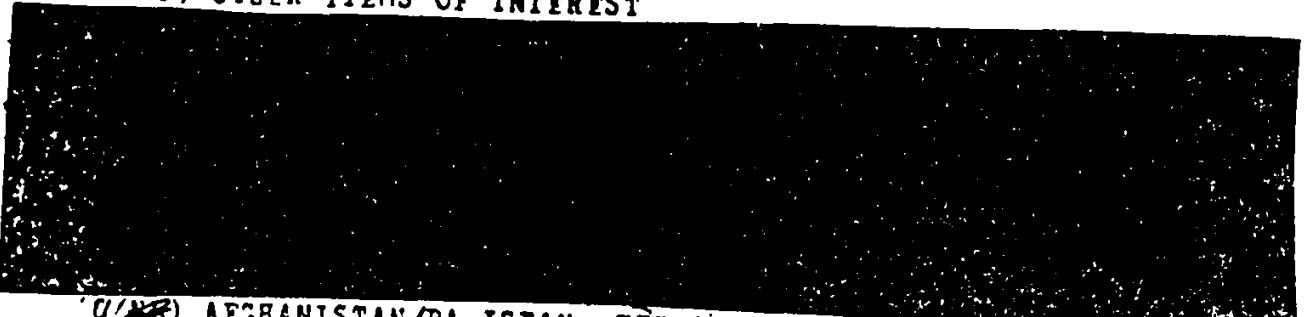
U) BENAZIR BHUTTO IS THE DAUGHTER OF ZULFIQAR BHUTTO, FORMER PRIME MINISTER OF PAKISTAN AND HEAD OF THE PPP. AFTER HIS GOVERNMENT WAS OVERTHROWN IN 1977, ZULFIQAR BHUTTO WAS EXECUTED. SINCE THEN HIS DAUGHTER HAS SERVED AS A RALLYING POINT FOR THE DISUNITED PDP.

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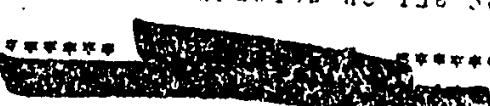


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2) (S/NF) OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST



Q) AFGHANISTAN/PAKISTAN: THE SEVENTH ROUND OF THE PAKISTANI-AFGHAN GENEVA TALKS WILL REOPEN ON 05 MAY, FOCUSING ON SOVIET TROOP WITHDRAWALS. PAKISTAN DENIES CLAIMS BY KABUL AND MOSCOW THAT THEY SUBMITTED A WITHDRAWAL SCHEDULE DURING THE LAST ROUND OF TALKS. LITTLE PROGRESS IS EXPECTED AS THE SOVIETS WILL USE



THE ISSUE OF U.S. AND PAKISTANI AID TO THE MUJAHIDEEN AS AN EXCUSE
TO REFUSE ON ANY TIMETABLE THEY MAY HAVE PROPOSED.

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